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PSL STARTS WITH MAJOR SHOCKS

SMALL FRY THROW KING HIT

The glorious uncertainty of soccer
characterised the opening round of the 1979
Philips League season.

Few would have forecast that last year's wooden-spooners Brisbane City would travel to South Australia and whack Adelaide City, with Rasic, Deans and all.

Marconi's convincing defeat in Canberra and South Melbourne's loss in Newcastle also rate as surprises — and as triumphs for one-city teams.

Fitzroy saved Melbourne's bacon by defeating an exhausted St. George, doubling up a day after their Cup defeat: Footscray and South Melbourne went down.

Super goalie

Essendon Croatia is soon to be awash with money.

They expect to receive at least \$12,000 — possibly more — for their brilliant young goalie, Yakka Banovic, from Fitzroy.

Also part of the deal is Fitzroy 'keeper Peter Blasby, joining Essendon.

Only recently Essendon collected a small fortune — variously estimated in value between \$10,000 and \$15,000 — for Eddie Krncevic from Marconi.

Banovic was supposed to play for Fitzroy last Monday against St. George but, surprisingly, Scotsman Alan Marner appeared in goal.

Of the transfer fee Essendon is about to collect, \$5000 must be paid to Adelaide Croatia, Banovic's previous club, in accordance with an earlier agreement.

— J. Stephen

The second round matches will all be played on Sunday — weather permitting.

Of last week's winners, three play at home: Sydney City, West Adelaide and Brisbane City — but will they be able to make it four points out of two games?

Sydney City, in their Hakoah days, once absolutely slaughtered Adelaide City at home — and once lost to them. Which will it be now?

The Marconi v Lions clash will bring together two losers from last week and the vanquished here may find itself pretty close to the bottom — and panic stations.

Of the cities with more than one team, none won maximum points in the first round.

Sydney teams gained only four out of 10 points, Melbourne two out of six, while Adelaide and Brisbane broke even.

There will be quite a few "piquant" reunions this weekend:

• Last year's Marconi teammates, Rooney and Ollerton, now clash in the Footscray v Fitzroy game;

• Former St. George star and assistant coach Vic Fernandez leading his team against the Saints;

• Les Scheinflug's Marconi meeting Les Scheinflug's former Lions;

• Agenor Muniz, former Hakoah star, appearing for Adelaide City against his former outfit;

• Steve Perry, with Brisbane City, playing against his former Western Suburbs (now APIA) mates.

And jolly good luck to all of them...

INSIDE:

• What can you expect from the teams in the NSW State League? What are their squads for the first round at the weekend? Full details on page 3.

• How did the first round of the PSL go? Who played, how? Our new-look PSL report is on page 4.

• Any interesting incidents — and coincidences — in the PSL's opening round, statistics and summaries on page 5.

• More and more clubs issue their own Media Guides now — what do they contain — and how are they rated? See story and interstate reports on page 6.

• All about the NSW Ampol Cup — last week's semifinal details and teams, on page 7.

• What's happening overseas? Peru's national team is torn apart. Deyna slams Manchester City. East Germany flops and dozens of items from around the globe on page 8.



Olympic's Bell flies high to head the ball in last week's match against Footscray; an amused Wilson (left) and a grimacing Ollerton seem to propel Bell even higher.

AMPOL CUP SUCCESS

Sydney City and Melita Eagles will meet in next week's (Wednesday) Ampol Cup final — and you had better stop smiling about the State Leaguers.

The ease with which they demolished an insipid St. George should be a warning to Sydney City against any temptation to be too cocky.

If any further proof was needed to establish Raul Blanco as Sydney's brightest young coach, it was duly delivered by his team last Sunday.

Melita not only won and won well — but outplayed and outsped their PSL opponents.

In the other game Sydney City, with a fair bit to spare, teased, tortured and then wiped APIA from the Cup.

Of course, Sydney City will start

favorites next week — but they'd better beware: Blanco's Gauchos mean business...

On the whole, the Cup has been a great success and one can only praise the commonsense of the PSL and the NSW Federation in reuniting the city's best teams under one roof.

Understandably, crowds have been up sharply on last year.

But the time to start planning the 1980 Cup along different lines is right now, while the memories are fresh.

All the fixture dates should be settled with the PSL to avoid the quite unnecessary overlap which occurred this year.

Then — let's remember the heat... With Marconi, Barton Park, Seymour Shaw and Garside Park all floodlit by 1980, matches should be played in the evening, perhaps on Fridays and Saturdays.

Philips League clubs can expect a hike in their membership fees to \$10,000 or even \$11,000.

Last year's entry fee was \$8000 and in 1977 it stood at \$5000.

Increased airfares and an almost certain absence of TV revenue compel the PSL management to lean more heavily on clubs to augment the Philips sponsorship.

The news about PSL being on TV this year is bad — perhaps even worse than we reported a few weeks ago.

Last week the Channel 0 network in Melbourne decided to pull out.

Channel 10 in Sydney is openly contemptuous of soccer: they reportedly told Philips that they couldn't share their optimism about the game's short-term future.

They will not record any matches in Sydney this year and are willing to take Newcastle's tapes only if they were entirely

free, apart from the \$40 dubbing fee.

Brisbane and Adelaide stations are still uncommitted but may record some local games.

This leaves Newcastle and Canberra in the running with Newcastle filming all their 13 home matches.

It is possible that on some weeks — when both Canberra and Newcastle play away

from home, and this will happen seven times — there will be no soccer on TV at all.

The PSL management is desperately trying to put a good face to this blow.

But they will find it hard to play down its significance in view of the oft pronounced credo — which we have never shared with them — that TV will make or break the League.

Clubs face new slug

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Ashcroft (3rd Div.) played Revesby Rovers in a friendly game last Saturday, winning the first grade 5-2 and going down 0-1 in the reserve grade. Two first grade players had a pleasant welcome back to the team after being laid off for several weeks with injury. They were midfielder Peter Rowlin, with a badly infected leg, and Bram Jerrison, winger, with fractured fingers.

Fairfield West (5th Div.) played trial matches against Eastern Creek ('77 and '78 premiers) last weekend, winning 2-1. The first goal came from a general scramble but the second was well executed by Alex Johnson from 30 metres out. This result gives an indication of the club's increased playing strength and ability under coach Eddie Williams. The club is also pleased with the performance of 'keeper Steve Williamson. Steve kept goal for the reserve grade in the '78 season and so far this year he hasn't been dislodged in the first team. The club's first premiers match is against '78 premiers Edensor Park on Sunday, April 1. With both clubs looking like possible favourites this year, this match would be the one to watch in 5th division.

These were the results of the second and first grade matches played last weekend. Bonnyrigg Eagles v North Ryde, 4-2, 2-1; Campbelltown City v Padstow (Bankstown District), 15-0, 10-0; Holroyd Rangers v Colo Colo (Chilean), 0-2, 2-0; North Rocks v Melita Eagles, 2-1, 1-1; Eastwood St. Andrews v Greenwich (Ku-ring-gai District), 1-0, 4-0.

Ryde District (3rd Div.) went to Kurri Kurri, near Maitland, to play against Weston United. The games were played on a perfect pitch and Ryde were humbled to a 5-0 defeat in first grade. The second grade, however, managed to win 2-0 with goals scored by Tony Robbins and Paul Duvois. Despite the results District had an enjoyable day especially with the barbecue and the social after the matches. The club hopes to have a return match with Weston United very soon. In place of normal training and to give the players an opportunity to recover from the Newcastle trip the club will be visiting Castle Hill RSL Club to make use of the swimming pool, sauna and gymnasium facilities there.

Camden (5th Div.) will be conducting the annual Camden Cup competition this coming Sunday, March 18, at Ponderosa Park. The draw for the first round is: 10.00am, Campbelltown City v Edensor Park; 10.30am, Macquarie Fields v Narellan; 11.00am, Revesby Workers v Nepean; 11.30am, Camden v Cronulla Seagulls.

Dee Why (2nd Div.) had a "goals galore" weekend scoring 17 goals in three grades. Playing in the third round of the Umbro Cup against West Ryde Rovers last Saturday, the first grade notched a 7-0 win with winger Trevor Watkis scoring a hat-trick, centre forward MARK Dower scoring two and winger Greg Petersen one. The third grade on Sunday won 2-1 and second grade won 8-1. Peter Friih put away five, though he managed to miss a penalty. The club would like to congratulate second grade midfielder Chris Stuart and his wife on the birth of their 8lb. 5oz. daughter, Emma.

Blacktown Wanderers' (6th Div.) latest signing is Paul Bols, formerly a Marconi player. The club, being mainly Maltese, has attracted quite a few Australian players this season. Trial matches have been played against Winston Hills and Rooty Hill RSL, a very strong team competing in 3rd Div. Sydney Amateur League this year. Secretary Joe Apap is hoping the pattern of '78, which was losing in pre-season matches and then being undefeated premiers, will flow on and repeat itself for the '79 season.

Eastwood St. Andrews (4th Div.) are determined to sort out their many players, each according to his merit, by conducting competitions within the club. Out of 50 players tried so far this season, a squad of 24 for the Federation sides and another squad of 24 for the District sides have been chosen. The club is extremely pleased with the talent on hand and organisation is in full swing to make this season the best ever for Eastwood. Including the juniors, the club fields some 30 teams and a meeting for managers and coaches will be held on Thursday at Eastwood Business Club to put all officials in the picture as to what Eastwood St. Andrews is aiming for this year.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (3rd Div.) will be without their first grade goalkeeper, Joe Daniel, for the next two weeks when they will be playing Baulkham Hills and Yagoona. Joe has the permission of the club to attend to more important business, that is, being married this week to Teresa Awhraham. All the officials and players of the club wish him the very best.

The annual pre-season competition between the Universities for the Kennard and Jamieson Cups was completed last weekend. The institutions taking part were NSW Institute of Technology, University of NSW, Sydney University and Macquarie University. The competition was won by Sydney University for the third grade and University of NSW won second and first grades. The standard of play was excellent throughout and many new playing scholars showed that the game of soccer at universities is a flourishing sport and certainly for this season the institutes have a lot to show in their respective competitions.

Macquarie University (5th Div.) have had a marked improvement in management, and also socially, this season. Quite a few recruits have been elected for positions such as president Jamie Simpson, secretary Clive Diamond, treasurer Branko Dedich. For the club's four teams the managers will be J. Simpson, Mark Pitman, Bob Sutton and Ian Jackson. Selectors will be Chris Ryan and J. Simpson. The secretary will act as publicity officer for the four teams. Socials have become a regular thing after Wednesday night training. The club is fortunate to have the use of a licensed club and will invite their opponents after each home match. The club is at the Macquarie University Sport Fields, Culloden Rd., North Ryde. Over the last two weekends the club has participated in the Kennard and Jamieson Cups. Although they were defeated by Sydney University 3-2, the coach was pleased to see, after a 0-3 score at halftime, the team rally to score twice in the second half.

Final matches in the Umbro Cup will be played next Sunday, March 18, at Guildford Park. 1.15pm, Bondi Marine v Bathurst '75" (playing for third and fourth positions); 3.00pm, Yagoona v Lethbridge Park (playing for first and second position).

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CLUB PATROL

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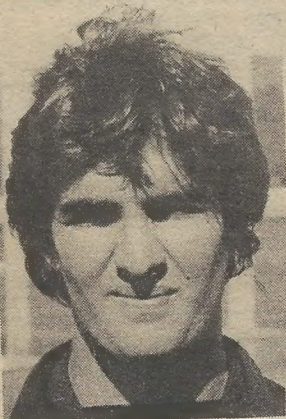


Tibor Zuckerman (left) and Frank Lang, both St. George coaches, who will play in Sunday's old-boys game.

Sunday's early match at Barton Stadium will be an old boys' game between St. George and Canberra with such former stars appearing as Les Schauman, Frank Lang, Joe Pompor, Steve Feher, Tibor Zuckerman, Ilija Takac and Joe Kovacs. The game starts at 11.30am.

Revesby's longest serving player, GREG GILL, will miss the first six matches of the season because of work commitments which force him to travel interstate. Greg has been with the club for 13 years.

Inter Monaro regained their "Prodigal Son", JOHN SANTOLIN a week ago when the talented attacking midfielder resigned with the club. John has been hoping to join a Sydney team, preferably in the PSL, but gave up the hunt and returned to Queanbeyan.



John Santolin

Sydney City are still carrying out negotiations with MANECAS over the Portuguese player's possible return to Sydney. However, coach GERRY CHALDI has revealed that the financial terms asked by the player are high, and this could put a damper on the project.

Will he be back...? Marconi star ROBERTO VIERI is in Italy, reportedly to visit a sick family member. His departure for Rome went off without any announcement.

Arnccliffe Scots' injury-prone DAVE BUTLER seems to be on the comeback trail again after coming through several training games without any worries about his knee.

Revesby Workers' RAY BYLES, brother of coach GREG, became a father last week when his wife LYN gave birth to a son — BRETT RAYMOND. Our congratulations!

Croatia player-coach ATTI ABONYI was full of praise for the treatment his team received while in Coffs Harbour a week ago. Croatia journeyed to the coastal town to play a select side from the North Coast and also to spread the soccer gospel. The team received royal treatment from the Coffs Harbour club, whose new fulltime manager is former Canberra City goalkeeper RON TILSED. Croatia won 2-0.

Last year's grandfinalists Sutherland and Croatia played a friendly last Wednesday, with Croatia winning 3-2.

Granville have re-signed two former players who were with Inter Monaro in 1978, JOHN FORWOOD and TIM O'MAYNE. Their return to the club has been warmly received as it will build up the strength of the first team, which will again be a fighting unit.

BANKSTOWN's last pre-season trial was highly successful. In all three grades they beat Marrickville Olympic despite being without the injured Lembyrk and Gauld. The first graders won 1-0 with a goal by ex-APIA man Shane Wilson.

GARY QUESTED has finally resumed training with Auburn, and according to reports he looks fairly fit. All that coach

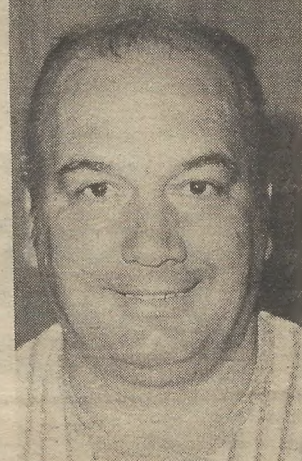
VIC DALGLEISH wants now is to put the fine tuning back into Gary's play.

Because of the unavailability of Hurstville Oval due to cricket commitments, Arnccliffe Scots will play their first two home matches at Seymour Shaw Oval.

Likeable Inter Monaro publicity man JOE CHERA announced his engagement last Saturday to ANTOINETTE MACCARONE, daughter of club coach FRANK. Joe was our "Club Patrol" connection last year as well as doing reports on Inter Monaro's home games. This year we have a new correspondent, WENDY YORK.

North Sydney Inter's coach for 1979 is PHIL BOTTALICO, the former APIA great, who was also APIA's coach for a few seasons. Inter are certain Phil will suit their needs and help the club push for the State League.

North Sydney Inter have signed up former APIA defender IAN MILLER. Ian, a native South African, was with APIA last year and obviously PHIL BOTTALICO considers him valuable enough to lure him to the Northside.



Phil Bottalico

Sydney City's LUIS DE MELO, who has been firing so well in training recently, suffered an unfortunate injury in a practice match and could be out of action for several weeks.

An engagement in the Revesby club announced last week is between BARRY RUSSELL and ANGELA O'KEEFE.

Granville are still negotiating with Arnccliffe Scots over the transfer of Argentinian NELSON BRIZUELA to the Magpies. Nelson was with APIA for a season as a winger and will meet up with another former APIA man, ALISTAIR LINK, whom Granville are leasing from APIA.

Arnccliffe Scots are at present negotiating with NS Inter over the transfer of BOB GOOSE. Bob was formerly with Bankstown and APIA, and this experienced player would be a bonus for KAZ KULAK to have in his squad.

Bankstown fullbacks PAUL THOMPSON and HOB USHER each coach the club's Junior Federation teams. Some more players would be welcome for the under-16 side which trains Tuesdays at 6pm at Villawood.

Ex - international DENNIS YAAGER is Belmore's new first grade player-coach. Former coach PAUL CORBETT resigned because of business commitments but will remain with the club as manager.

The name of Sydney Olympic's physiotherapist LJUBO GOJKOVIC is being widely mentioned as successor to Peter van Rijn with the national team.

Polonia have their excellent stopper BILL ZOUNIS on transfer at a fee of \$1500.

EDDIE DUARTE, of Yugal, was sent off twice in the Ampol Cup and is yet to appear before the NSW disciplinary committee. Ian Heywood (Monaro) has been suspended for two matches, and Dick Chambers (Ku-ring-gai) one.

Belmore have signed PHIL LAMBERT, ex-Marrickville Olympic, GRAHAM BROWN, ex-Groatia and Bathurst, and STEVE MARTIN, ex-Marrickville. Unfortunately Phil injured a knee in an Umbro International Shield match and may not be available for some weeks.

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ME UND MY SHADOW



National coach Rudi Gutendorf (left) and former Prague star Leo Baumgartner were together at Sydney matches on Saturday and Sunday. Is Leo a strong tip for the assistant coaching position?

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ALL ABOUT NSW STATE LEAGUE

Take a look at the fast improving potential of the 1979 NSW State League.

It is difficult to believe that when the PSL started in 1977 Arncliffe Scots, Avala, Ku-ring-gai, Monaro and Toongabbie had no experience of State League football.

More than that, Bankstown, Manly, Granville, Marrickville Olympic and Melita Eagles were often in Second Division.

The 14 clubs have made astonishing progress towards higher class soccer.

If team improvements continue at the present rate an increasingly high standard of soccer will reach the public.

There are many names who will carry the League banner high this year.

Amongst the leaders are Atti Abonyi, Bruno Cagali, Andy Tracey, John McDonald, Don Allan, Ray Farrugia, Ian Heywood, Carlos Ortega, Ricky Hormazabal, Dave Harding, Keith Schumann, Craig Hall and Terry Greedy.

At the same time it would be foolish to ignore the unyielding trend in sports entertainment.

There are now senior clubs around the soccer scene with fulltime promotion managers, and with specialist departments for coaching, administration, promotion and facilities, working under the club boards.

Expert surveys are being conducted on the potential to be tapped in the districts.

There is an increasing array of sports competing for public interest.

The challenge is there to be met and conquered, and only those who handle these affairs correctly will gain the real fruits of their labors over coming seasons.

As the season gets under way fixtures of the quality of Toongabbie-Melita, Croatia-Monaro and Sutherland-Auburn and others are there to whet the appetite this very weekend.

ARNCLIFFE

The Scots are making a brave effort to rise well above the 12th position they occupied in 1978.

Amongst the eight new players gained to strengthen the squad are Andy Tracey and Derek Sidey (ex-Auburn), Bob Oldham (ex-Toongabbie), and Matt Guildea, the former Western Suburbs defender who has been recently appearing for Central Coast in the Northern NSW Federation.

Rex Perry, the former Sutherland midfielder and brother of Brisbane City's leading defender Steve, is still only 22 and in fine fettle.

The team looked very sprightly in the Ampol Cup, and certainly more vital than last year.

Kaz Kulak has been retained as coach, and whilst it is difficult to tip a top position, the definite chances are that Arncliffe will test the very best clubs at Hurstville Oval and elsewhere.

ARNCLIFFE SQUAD: Rogers, Crjanic, Martin, Oldham, Sidey, Hall, Muscovits, Smart, Bankhead, Marchant, Schroeder, Piggott, Baker, Guildea, Tracey, Butcher, Perry, Kotschambros, Blackburn, Earl, Santarosa, Rolan. **COACH:** K. Kulak.

AUBURN

Auburn are, as usual, looking for a season in which they are at least final four material.

Coach Vic Dalglish has a balanced squad, and coming behind them again are some really fine younger prospects.

Bobby Hogg, the former Soccerero, is using his football brain to marshal the team, and in addition John McDonald, the Rothmans Award winner, and Willie Hamilton are also there to do a fine job.

"Monty" Montgomery, a gain from APIA will prove a very capable striker, and the return of Steve Leak and Vic Juchniwicz after a year overseas is a big gain.

Amongst the youngsters who will give a good account of themselves are 15-year-old fullback Brett Woods and Martin McKendrick.

AUBURN SQUAD: Gisbourne, Cornet, Woods, McKendrick, G. Fairclough, Gary Fairclough, Dobson, Field, McDonald, Juchniwicz, Sundstrom, Hamilton, Hogg, Peters, Leak, Tilt, McBranson, Auld, Hill. **COACH:** V. Dalglish.

AVALA

Avala's big gain was to bring midfielder Zoran Djuric back after a season with St. George, and they have doubled up by signing Neil Williams from Bankstown.

Apart from that, Ron Griffith will be a very handy defender, although George Cirjanic has moved on to pastures greener.

The squad includes a number of up-and-coming players, of whom Branko Kodor is an outstanding example.

Avala, understandably, have no stomach for the crowd disturbance that occurred so early and dogged their 1978 season.

Ninth place under these conditions was a good effort. A top position seems beyond this team, but their opponents will find the games hard enough when they meet them.

AVALA SQUAD: Mikolajczyk, Rnjak, Deller, Barton, Gray, Patterson, Vasiljevic, Jancek, Djuric, Bateman, Kodor, R. Griffiths, Necic, Antonic, Kasumovic, Milovanovic, Williams. **COACH:** A. Gray.

BANKSTOWN

The trauma of recent seasons has had a salutary effect on the Towns, from whose big junior reservoir so many of Australia's best postwar juniors have come.

With players such as Norrie Porter and Shane Wilson from APIA, John Lee, Derek Mason, Terry Greedy and George Butler they are certain to give coach Roger Bamforth and assistant Gerry Mestrum much more cause for joy than was the case last year.

Neil Williams transferred to Avala last weekend.

Watch for big things if they succeed in the appeal on the fee placed by Sydney City on Greg Lynch.

Gerry Mestrum is heading up an active publicity committee to put the club back on the map, and experienced Don Morrison is acting secretary.

BANKSTOWN SQUAD: Greedy, Thompson, C. Rootsey, Gould, Lembray, Porter, Mason, Lee, Daley, Butler, Angelopoulos, Morrison, Quigley, Tansley. **COACH:** R. Bamforth.

Special report by KEITH GILMOUR

CROATIA

Unquestionably the State League's front-runners since the start of the Phillips League, Croatia could well find that Melita, Sutherland and Toongabbie more than ever are breathing down their necks.

It seems they may have lost their long-serving secretary Lionel Brown, who has been a mainstay of the administration.

Coach Atti Abonyi is certain to have another big season, and Bruno Cagali is destined to emerge as one of the League's very best players.

The premature retirement of Kevin Coleman came as an early blow. The loss of schoolteacher Ian Stone will hurt, but the team's depth will come to the fore to ensure that they remain a strong link for State League soccer.

CROATIA SQUAD: Watson, A. Kovacic, Cagali, Basic, G. Smith, Vidic, Mullen, Savor, Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Coates, Carlisle, Bobanovic, Troha, Jelaca, Sullivan, Dudaric. **COACH:** A. Abonyi.

GRANVILLE

The historic club had to endure a checked career over the past few seasons, but largely thanks to the sponsorship of Ken Allen Motors the Magpies have been able to sign up a number of reinforcements.



Waldron

The latest of these is Alistair Link, the young and capable import that APIA brought from Scotland in 1978. Nelson Brizuela and Tom Morrow are the others.

The eternal wanderer Tim O'Maye has returned home, along with John Forwood after a season with Monaro.

The team possesses in Barry Hoare one of the State's most exciting goalkeepers, and all in all Bobby Wall has more depth in his squad than ever before.

Whilst Garside Park is one of the League's most popular venues it is certainly overdue for modernisation if its future potential is to be realised.

GRANVILLE SQUAD: B. Hoare, Barren, Selfridge, Biglands, Lackey, Forwood, Fraser, Bates, Abbott, Gauci, Morrow, McGrath, M. Hoare, Moorecroft, O'Maye, Waldron, Slater, Brizuela. **COACH:** B. Wall.

KU-RING-GAI

Under the guidance of Frank Malone Ku-ring-gai did well enough in the Ampol Cup to suggest that they will retain their State League position.

The task will not be easy as so many other clubs have invested much more in their teams.

Ku-ring-gai have looked for local products where they could and goalkeeper Ellis and defender Robertson have a lot of potential.

Amongst this season's gains are Dave Chambers and Ron Geekie, but Billy Millen seems to have moved on just when his skills would have proved most beneficial.

The club is making an ambitious push to have their permanent home as part of the big recreational complex at West Pymble, and if they succeed then soccer has a real future on the North Shore.

KU-RING-GAI SQUAD: Taylor, Chambers, Geekie, Malone, A. Robertson, Lee, Hill, Kinsey, R. Smith, Voudsen, K. Smith, Ellis, Turner, Millen, Birchell, Lyall, Firrell. **COACH:** F. Malone.

MANLY

Max Walker is putting a lot of effort into the team, and has the backing of local director of coaching Richard Alagich in the production of more quality players.

Club president George Dick allows that necessity means that some players have to come into the team before they are sufficiently experienced and that a high class midfielder would work wonders if one could be secured.

The biggest gain is David Jack, whose ability to think situations through will be most valuable.

Sunshine has gleamed down on Manly's club project after almost countless years of struggle.

The Lands Department has finally swapped the block next to Cromer Park No. 1 field for Manly's own block across the road and the transfer will be completed within a couple of months.

MANLY SQUAD: Cassettari, Burchett, Doyle, Dick, Symons, Geoghegan, Roozendaal, Chapman, Nawala, Banks, Jack, Stuart, Mouttet, Harpur, West, Riley, Banks. **COACH:** M. Walker.

Mv. OLYMPIC

The committee have supported coach Jim Gallagher by securing four worthwhile newcomers.

Certainly John Wignall, ex-Croatia before returning to England, Wayne Evans (ex-APIA) and Joe Ramisch (Blacktown) will do well, and Jim Bryden is back with the club.

Olympic now have a sound set-up, with full use of the compact Arlington Recreation Ground and their own club at Kyeemah, almost next door to the St. George Soccer Stadium.

With the players they possess there is no reason to believe that they can not surpass last season's record, when they ended eighth, and just at the end of the top bracket of clubs.

With such strong support potential Olympic should be able to afford an in-depth survey of the area, from which a long-term soccer marketing plan can be evolved and which could include further work with the local Canterbury district.

Mv. OLYMPIC SQUAD: Evans, Kable, Penman, Wignall, Sheldrick, Zeros, Williams, R. Brown, Balafas, Stevenson, Ramisch, Thompson, Triantafyllis, G. Brown, Bryden, Bosgonos, Ramage. **COACH:** J. Gallagher.

MELITA

Ampol Cup finalists Melita Eagles' re-emergence as a soccer power evolved from the committee's decision to appoint Raul Blanco as coach, and they have never looked back.

The class of football they have produced this year is superb and they must go very close to annexing the title.

They gained a very worthwhile defender in Howard Hadley. Injury has ruled him out for the moment, but there is a ton of defensive depth with players like Steve Ververis, Bobby McPherson, Richard Yamine, Steve McDonald and Phil Mikas.

Billy Griffiths, signed from APIA on a one-year loan agreement, adds another first team player to the squad.

MELITA SQUAD: Bracklow, Ververis, McPherson, Mikas, Yamine, McDonald, Darvill, Parker, J. Farrugia, McAusland, D. Allan, Economou, R. Farrugia, Jones, McGovern, Hernandez, Hadley, Babian. **COACH:** R. Blanco.

MONARO

Just edged out of fourth place last year by goal difference, Inter have come right back to replace any losses and give coach Frank Maccarone a worthwhile squad to work with.

Indeed, the club's drive should be noted by all the major towns of southern NSW, because it points to what they could do also.

Monaro picked up Bobby Noble recently from under the noses of a number of slower-to-move Sydney clubs, and they have added Ian Heywood, Paul Fay, Chris O'Neill and Vic Trajanski to the squad.

Important too are the men they

have held, including toppers John Santolin and Sebastian Giampaoli.

Expect Monaro to fight hard again for a semifinal spot.

MONARO SQUAD: Palec, Heywood, Noble, Venturelli, O'Neill, De Paoli, Charles, Fay, Bourke, T. Morsello, Valeri, Arispon, Giampaoli, J. Morsello, Trainoski, Ramos, Coulter, Refojos, Santolin. **COACH:** F. Maccarone.

SUTHERLAND

John Watkiss must get additional satisfaction from the increasing number of Sutherland players who are capable of doing extremely well in State League football.



Dal Forno

The team plays a clever brand of soccer with enough attacking flair to appeal to crowds wherever they go.

Not that there are many players with the "Yugoslav" sort of ball skills, but they are showing a directness and resolve that will keep them pressing at the top along with Croatia, Melita and perhaps Toongabbie, Auburn and Monaro.

Seymour Shaw's playing surface is greatly improved and, with their own club just along the road and their huge district and "The Voice" newspaper behind them, they are advancing at a very encouraging rate of knots.

SUTHERLAND SQUAD: Craggs, Woods, Basterfield, R. Smith, Watkiss, Dalforno, K. Schumann, Murphy, Meades, R. Schumann, P. Smith, Hall, Beggs, J. Stoddart, Harrington, Rogers, Tasker, Wykes. **COACH:** J. Watkiss.

TOONGABBIE

The club deliberately set out to blend South American skills with British strength and Australian enthusiasm.

This year they should be starting to put it all together, especially as they have grabbed coach Mick Jones, who is one who has proved himself year after year both in Australia and in English non-league football.

Jones will work entirely as coach and in sports goods sales for the club, which will have both him and football manager Bill Parkhouse working fulltime.

With the making of a \$100,000 plus profit only two years after its establishment, it has ploughed back into a superb stadium of the future and extensions to the club, which will be opened by NSW Premier Neville Wran on Sunday.

This year's additions include former Soccerero Dave Harding and goalkeeper Alan Fisher, so much more must be expected from the team which ran seventh in its first year up.

TOONGABBIE SQUAD: James, Finch, Taylor, Pena, Parkhouse, Hormazabal, Cuk, Harding, Fisher, Ortega, De Valle, Izatt, Pollard, Pointer, Millar, Wilson, Reilly. **COACH:** M. Jones.

YUGAL

The old days of high class Yugoslav imports have gone, but in its place is a Yugoslav-Australian blend of youngsters who favor the skills on the ball of the men from the "old country" itself.

Behind them the committee has placed Tony Schwarz, who is indeed proud of the qualities being shown by many of the youngsters in his line-up.

The team was good enough to run second in its division of the Ampol Cup, ahead of both Auburn and Marrickville Olympic.

Amongst those who will make their marks this year are Dave Travini, Sam Gallifuoco and Branko Karanfilovski.

The club should aim for better than the 20 points they accumulated in last year's League.

YUGAL SQUAD: Berry, Radovac, Duarte, Prgomelja, Klemperer, Purac, Tanoski, Travini, Mihajlovic, Karanfilovski, Gallifuoco, Delaney, Karacan, Rodas, Kunder, Nitya, Stamenkovic, Novakovic. **COACH:** T. Schwarz.

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APIA	1 (0)	FITZROY	1 (0)	ADEL. CITY	2 (1)	SYD. OLYMPIC	2 (1)	NEWCASTLE	2 (1)	CANBERRA	3 (0)	BRISB. LIONS	1 (0)
WEST AD.	1 (1)	ST. GEORGE	0	BRISB. CITY	4 (1)	FOOTSCRAY	0	STH. MELB.	1 (1)	MARCONI	1 (1)	SYDNEY CITY	2 (1)

Goal: 0-1 McCulloch (37m).
APIA: Woodhouse 3, Skellern 4, Turnbull 4, Carruthers 3 (Richards 84m), Wilson 4, Rowden 3, O'Donnell 3 (Rampanti 46m), Butler 3, Scott 3, Stone 3, Vernon 3. **Coach:** J. Adams.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Bozanic 3, Reynolds 3, McGachey 4, Kambas 4, Jones 4, McCulloch 4, Zervas 4, Norris 4, Honeyman 3, McGregor 4. **Coach:** T. Forde.
Referee: A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 5723.

Although there was only one goal between the teams, there was a world of difference in their approach during the game. APIA came at Westad early with some fine promptings by Eric Carruthers and forced a continuing run of corners which APIA failed to exploit.

Westad fought hard and gained just reward when Gordon McCulloch dived to head a fine Alex Zervas cross past the groping Woodhouse. From there they continued to play power football in spite of the absence of both Peter Boyle and David Pillans.

APIA made some neat moves along the wings. For West Adelaide Zervas and Ian McGregor came at the defenders and delighted in winning their share of the confrontations.

David Jones mastered Andy Scott, Martyn Crook accepted everything that came his way, and Graeme Norris finished strongly. APIA's capture Rosario Rampanti showed enough to prove his rating.

— K. Gilmour

Goal: Cole (62m).
FITZROY: Marner 4, McMillan 3, Tansey 4, O'Reilly 3 (Bannon 80m), Proven 3, Rooney 3, Taylor 4 (Selemidis 66m), Campbell 3, Bouzikas 2, Cole 4, Buljevic 2. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.
ST. GEORGE: Coe 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3 (Holmik 46m), Terry 3, R. O'Shea 4, Della Picca 2, Hensman 2 (Barton 70m), J. O'Shea 3, Matic 4, Cotton 2, O'Connor 2. **Coach:** J. Gelei.
Cautions: Harris. **Referee:** N. Karlic. **Crowd:** 5100.

A negative half hour of low standard soccer might have been caused by a humid day of 33 deg. St. George were surely feeling the effects of two games in 24 hours, but Fitzroy were still taking no chances. Gary Cole was the only striker spelling menace but lacked support apart from Taylor.

St. George had only a few players near their top: Matic, R. O'Shea and Coe performed well. Matic sent a 40-metre drive crashing against the crossbar, this being the only effort by either team in the first half.

Cole proved his worth with a terrific shot, after a freekick, which smashed into the corner of the net in the 62nd minute. Young soccerero Selemidis replaced Taylor towards the end and opened up play with some fine passes.

Rooney also hit the crossbar with a fierce shot and the St. George defence was under pressure. Barton came close to an equaliser 15 minutes from the end and Matic also had a chance but shot wide.

— J. Stephen

Goals: 1-0 (Deans 8m), 1-1 (Echeverria 56m), 1-2 (Lowe 61m), 1-3 (Pimblett 71m), 2-3 (Kent 75m), 2-4 (Caldwell 90m).
ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, Russell 3, Perin 3, Muir 4, B. Nyskohus 3 (Dodds 76m), Melto 3, Muniz 3 (Marwe 69m), Northcote 3, Deans 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Kent 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Rathmell 3, Potter 4, Lowe 4, Perry 4, Gaffney 3, Ratcliffe 3 (Tokesi 69m), Pimblett 3, Kelso 3 (Brusasco 69m), Echeverria 3, Caldwell 4. **Coach:** N. Saffich.
Referee: Donald Campbell. **Crowd:** 5236.

Adelaide City began brilliantly to be a goal up after only eight minutes when Dixie Deans latched onto a great cross from Chris Kent. The turning point of the amazing match came four minutes from the final whistle when Adelaide City captain John Perin failed to convert a penalty kick which would have levelled the score at 3-3.

Brisbane began its revival 11 minutes after the interval as Roberto Echeverria crashed a rebound home from close range after big Barry Kelso had hit the crossbar with a solid drive. Brisbane's new Scottish import Kevin Lowe made it 2-1 five minutes later.

With 19 minutes left Frank Pimblett put Brisbane further ahead as he slid a ground shot past Marshall.

Adelaide bounced back through Chris Kent.

— A. Crisp

Goals: 1-0 McIntosh (36m), 2-0 Eaton (75m).
OLYMPIC: Meier 5, McIntosh 4, Coton 4, Bell 3, Wilson 3, Cross 3, Laing 3, Raskopoulos 4, Jamieson 3, Eaton 3, Ainslie 4. **Coach:** J. Marston.
FOOTSCRAY: Potter 3, Ilioski 3 (Rujevic 62m), Ristic 3, Kandarios 3, Jovanovic 5, Polinkas 3, Picioane 4, Orlerton 3, Jovicic 3, Ristovski 3, Lujic 3. **Coach:** C. Cerkovic.
Referee: J. Reeves. **Crowd:** 2426.

Olympic gave a well-balanced performance to outgun a Footscray that is loaded with talent that has not yet settled in. The match produced some bright football, with Allan Ainslie and Peter Raskopoulos often the driving forces behind Olympic's win.

Ainslie certainly started the pressure with some great wing crosses as he advanced from the left-back spot. Raskopoulos supplied the pass that Dave McIntosh despatched into goal in the 36th minute.

Throughout McIntosh ran strongly and the way in which he placed his goal shows that he should collect many more this year.

Clive Eaton made a downpayment on his \$11,000 transfer fee by taking on and beating three Footscray defenders for the second goal. Gary Meier was Olympic's other star. Footscray's outfield work was often excellent, with no one doing better than Slobodan Jovanovic.

— K. Gilmour

Goals: 1-0 C. Curran (16m), 1-1 S. Baxter (20m), 2-1 W. Summerscales (56m).
NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 4, Willis 3, Drinkwater 4, Summerscales 5, Curran 5, McClelland 4, Seddon 5, Cowburn 4 (Sneddon 80m), Heys 4, Boden 4, Harris 4 (Treddinick 74m). **Coach:** A. Vest.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 5, Pye 3, Kalafatis 4, Baxter 4, Turner 4, Christopoulos 4, Lutton 4, Drakeford 3 (Davidson 81m), Cummings 3, Evans 4, Campbell 3. **Coach:** D. McLaren.
Referee: P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 7332. **Cautions:** Summerscales, Kalafatis.

Without the quite supreme keeping by Jack Reilly, South Melbourne would have returned home a shattered force. On this form it will take new \$15,000 signing Peter Laumets a long time to replace the experienced Reilly.

But even Reilly had no chance of stopping Newcastle's opening goal, netted by Col Curran blasting a 25-metre freekick high into the corner. Newcastle continued to look the more penetrative side, but slack covering allowed Stuart Baxter to head the equaliser before halftime.

Ten minutes into the second half the home crowd was in a delirious state: Baxter brought winger Heys down and from the freekick Seddon flighted the ball for Summerscales to dive forward to head home Newcastle's winner.

— M. Hay

Goals: 0-1 Jankovics (30m), 1-1 Fielding (49m), 2-1 Byrne (63m), 3-1 Davies (89m).
CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 3, Starke 5, Brown 4, Salgado 3, Cant 5, Farrell 4, Davies 5, Byrne 3, Arquero 2 (Fielding 46m), Bailey 3 (Stoddart 70m). **Coach:** V. Fernandez.
MARCONI: Maher 3, Brogan 3 (Selvage 44m), Degney 2, Russell 3, Prskalo 3, Henderson 3, G. Byrne 3, Lindsay 2, Jankovics 4, Krncevic 3, Sharne 3. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.
Referee: K. Allen. **Crowd:** 6845.

In the first half Marconi surrendered much of the match fed fuel to the fans' fury. The first was when Miles, after consulting his linesman, sent Campbell from the field for an alleged incident behind the play, Spearritt being "the victim".

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Then the "coupe de grace". Lowndes made a superlative save, twisting himself sideways and backwards, to stop the ball on the line. Two City forwards thundered in on the prostrate keeper but stopped short of playing the ball, hovering over him like avenging angels. Suddenly referee Miles pointed downfield from his ideal position: Stevenson coolly slotted the kick home to give City the two points.

— P. Kunz

Goals: 0-1 Souness (40m), 1-1 Hermiston (53m), 1-2 Stevenson (pen. 76m).
LIONS: Lowndes 3, Lawrie 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 4, Niven 4, Hughes 3, Spearritt 3, Amos 3, Ontang 3, Wallace 3 (Laslo 69m), Fairbrother 3. **Coach:** E. Spearritt.
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 3, Trenter 3, O'Connor 3, Souness 3, Campbell 1, Stevenson 3, Barnes 3, Watson 3, Smith 4, Silva 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.
Referee: D. Miles. **Sent off:** Campbell (44m). **Cautions:** Wallace. **Crowd:** 2100.

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— J. Binnie

PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS...

• Sydney City's big promotion on Sunday will have a spectacular opening: skydivers will land in the middle of Wentworth Park. Also a word of caution: hundreds of pigeons will be released over the heads of spectators...

• National coach Rudi Gutendorf is most impressed by Sydney City's brilliant winger Joe Watson.

• The three Brazilians Sydney City had brought out are mainly for the future. "We're not worried whether they make the team or not in 1979; they are to be integrated into the team only gradually," says manager Harry Lakmaker.

• Asked about the two or three squad players whom Sydney City would dearly like to unload, Harry Lakmaker said: "Wait until some of the teams lose two or three games, they'll be lining up at our door for them."

• Ernie Campbell, who missed Sunday's Cup because of an automatic suspension after his expulsion in Brisbane, is now available for the weekend team — but may find it hard to dislodge any of the incumbents.

• Told that his Marconi will play against his former team, Lions on Sunday, coach Les Scheinflug replied with a smile: "Almost every week I play against my former clubs..."

• When Roberto Vieri and Marconi club director Frank Labozetta return from Italy this week, watch for some big news — on the players' front.

• Two Marconi players in doubt for the weekend: the injured Peter Brogan and the sick (flu) Johnny Russell.

• Marconi will get a new back-up goalie shortly, Allan Ryder, from Stoke City, due here in April.



LES SCHEINFLUG

• "Big" John Doyle, the APIA veteran, may join Newcastle United this week.

• We always said that Alan Ainslie had the fiercest left foot in Australia: last week one of his shots at training broke the gear steward's arm.

• Are fans ever happy? Despite Olympic's excellent season start, some fans abused their officials — for Melita's Cup win claiming that Olympic should have never let go for peanuts Ververis, Allan, Mikas and Parker, all of whom starred for the Eagles against St. George. With these four plus three reserves, Melita has seven ex-Olympic players as well as Blanco, the ex-Olympic coach...

• Olympic are negotiating with two Young Socceroos: Graham Jennings from Adamstown and Mike Milovanovic from Canberra.



RODOLFO GNAVI

• Les Scheinflug is considering to try Mariani in the Marconi midfield. "We must solve our midfield problem or we're in trouble," he says. "Henderson played shockingly in Canberra, while Degney was too passive. Maher was responsible for two of the goals."

• "The best organised club and the most enthusiastic supporters" — that's Scheinflug's praise for Canberra. "Their efficiency and hospitality from the moment we landed until we left was outstanding. As for the crowd, they create an 'English' atmosphere. That's the way to barrack for your team."

• Joe Gelei after the disastrous St. George weekend: "The problem is simple: several of our players are technically not skilled enough. This will be hard to rectify."

• Rudi Gnani, Nigel Groome and Robert O'Shea are seriously considered for the St. George

team for Sunday in a bid to shake up the side. "Because of an incredible run of injuries, we haven't been able to play twice with the same team this year," laments Gelei.

• St. George may have lost Doug Utjesenovic for many weeks: the ex-Socceroo star has a suspected torn thigh muscle.

• Peter Stone and Ray Richards, who missed Sunday's game because of injuries, should be OK for the APIA side on Sunday in Brisbane.

• Rosario Rampanti, the new Italian star of APIA: "The game is much more vigorous here than back home."

• Three English imports will arrive to strengthen APIA shortly: Richard Dixie, 23, defender, from Kettering; Ray Clayton, 28, striker, also from Kettering; and Elwyn Roberts, 23, striker, from Corby. Both outfits are non-league.

• Joe Marston, the Olympic coach, blasted his players after their 2-0 win saying that with Footscray collapsing in the final 15 minutes, they should have gone after more goals — and a bonus point.

• Memo PSL: none of the 14 teams managed to win by four goals — even by three — in the first round to collect that extra point.

• Olympic hope that some last minute hitches over the transfer of Stuart Markland to South Melbourne will be ironed out soon.

• A leg injury sustained at training kept Frank Munro out of South Melbourne, while it is rumored that Irishman Sammy Wright missed the flight from Melbourne and consequently a first team place.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 BRISBANE CITY	1	1	—	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	2	2
2 CANBERRA	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 SYDNEY OLYMPIC	1	1	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 NEWCASTLE	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 SYDNEY CITY	1	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
6 WEST ADELAIDE	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
7 FITZROY	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 BRISBANE LIONS	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 SOUTH MELBOURNE	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—
10 APIA	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11 ST. GEORGE	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
12 ADELAIDE CITY	1	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	1	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13 MARCONI	1	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	—
14 FOOTSCRAY	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Sth. Melb. v Sydney Olympic 3pm, Middle Park
St. George v Canberra City 3pm, Barton Stadium
Footscray v Fitzroy 3pm, Olympic Park
Marconi v Brisbane Lions 3pm, Marconi Stadium
Sydney City v Adelaide City 3pm, Wentworth Park
West. Adel. v N'castle 2.30pm, Hindmarsh Stadium
Brisbane City v APIA 3pm, Perry Park

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Sydney City v Marconi 3pm, Wentworth Park
Olympic v West Adelaide 3pm, Barton Stadium
Fitzroy v Sth. Melbourne 3pm, Olympic Pk. No. 2
Adel. City v APIA 2.30pm, Hindmarsh Stadium
Newcastle v Brisb. City 2.30pm, Inter. Sp. Centre
Canberra v Footscray 2.30pm, Bruce Stadium
Brisb. Lions v St. George 3pm, Perry Park

BIG MAC SCORES



Olympic's McIntosh slots home his goal which paved the way for his team's valuable win over Footscray in Sydney.

THE WEEK THAT WAS...

- West Adelaide started the 1978 season disastrously, winning only one point out of three games. Now they have two after the first round.
- The Lions v Sydney City game was just as eventful in 1978: both goals in the 1-1 draw were own goals. Now they had a sending off, a freekick goal and a penalty.
- Olympic fans can take heart from their team's excellent start: last year they lost in the first round (to Western Suburbs 0-1) and managed only a home draw with Footscray in the 10th round.
- John Stevenson's penalty goals are most valuable to Sydney City: in 1978 they earned his team a win over Fitzroy (2-1), a 1-1 draw with Footscray and a 2-1 win over arch rivals Marconi. Now it gave them the points against Lions.
- Adelaide City are traditional slow starters. In 1977 they began with a 0-0, in 1978 with a 0-1 and now with a 2-4 — and all of them at home, too.
- Col Curran may be in amongst the goals again this year; he scored his first last Sunday. In 1978 he grabbed three.
- Brisbane City's away win must have surprised even their own fans: in 1978 they won only three away games.
- Brisbane City carried their jinx sequence over Adelaide City into the new season: They have won four out of five League encounters against Adelaide City as well as last year's Philip Cup final.
- Said Rale Rasic (Adelaide City): "The missed penalty decided the match, but we have no excuses because we lost to a better team which scored more goals than we did. Our mid-field was a disappointing, non-existent, write off."
- Nereo Saffich (Brisbane City): "Adelaide City played well in the first half. They were aggressive and determined with their telling long balls to their wingers."
- Alan Vest of Newcastle: "Although the lads missed chances, at least the opportunities were created. I was particularly pleased with the way the two young midfielders Brett Cowburn and Malcolm McClelland acquitted themselves in their first PSL match."
- Dave Maclaren of South Melbourne: "It was an amazing game to see all three goals come from set piece freekicks. I thought South Melbourne should have done better when they applied heavy pressure in the second half but we became too desperate in our bid for goals."
- Adelaide City played its first home game against Brisbane City at Hindmarsh because their home ground, Olympic Sport Field, is unavailable. The City-APIA match on March 25 will also be played at Hindmarsh.
- Some 5000 disappointed Adelaide City fans are still wondering what went wrong with their team on Sunday, especially during the second half collapse. Perhaps the 34 deg. heat took its toll which the Queenslanders weathered better...

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Monday, March 19: English movie.

Tuesday, March 20: Disco, 8pm.

Wednesday, March 21: Special Night: Chicken and Champagne — Jon St. Peters, TV and recording star with the APIA ballet.

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	WEST ADELAIDE	SYDNEY CITY	S. MELBOURNE	MARCONI	FITZROY	BRIS. LIONS	ST GEORGE	OLYMPIC	APIA	ADELAIDE CITY	NEWCASTLE	FOOTSCRAY	CANBERRA	BRISBANE CITY
1. WEST ADELAIDE	★													
2. SYDNEY CITY		★												
3. S. MELBOURNE			★											
4. MARCONI				★										
5. FITZROY					★	1-0								
6. BRIS. LIONS		1-2				★								
7. ST GEORGE							★							
8. OLYMPIC								★				2-0		
9. APIA	0-1								★					
10. ADELAIDE CITY										★				2-4
11. NEWCASTLE			2-1								★			
12. FOOTSCRAY												★		
13. CANBERRA					3-1								★	
14. BRISBANE CITY														★

AMATEURS

Eric Drury might return as secretary of the NSW Amateur Federation's Sydney Branch.

The post became vacant when Rod Woods decided he would concentrate on the State secretaryship.

A vote for the Sydney position was tied between Frank Wilson and Eric Drury at management committee level, and the next general meeting will make the appointment.

Wilson was unhappy that assistant secretary R. Smart, of Illawarra, was not allowed to act as secretary pending the appointment.

If he decided to stand again he will receive strong backing.

He is in his ninth year as secretary of the huge Gladesville-Hornsby FA.

Both his father and uncle were secretaries of the NSW Junior SFA, the predecessor to the present body.

— K.G.

SCHOOLS

A State-wide under 15 years soccer championship for schools may be started.

The first round will be set up for the Hunter Region, to be played in the winter term.

The organisation will initially be in the hands of Phil Murray, Otto Scevak and Barry Kemp.

The competition, to be conducted in a knock-out format, will fill the obvious gap between the two successful competitions, the Tasman Cup for high school seniors, and the Umbro Shield for primary schools.

All that then will be needed is a prestigious series for Independent and Catholic schools, which is long overdue.

PAST RESULTS

South Melb. v Olympic	1-1	1-1
Footscray v Fitzroy	1-3	1-2
St. George v Canberra	2-0	2-1
Marconi v Lions	0-1	3-1
Syd. City v Adel. City	6-1	1-2
Westad v Newcastle	—	1-0
Brisbane City v APIA	0-1	0-0

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It's a rare pleasure to sit down and examine in detail published products from our PSL clubs.

Instead of copping criticism for our errors, this time it's our turn to put the clubs on the mat.

So far four PSL clubs have sent us their 1979 Media Guide; a fifth, Marconi, also exists but we have not received a copy.

Let's review them in the order we received them.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

Once again — for the second year running — this is a very good little publication, probably the one which all other clubs are now using as the yardstick.

The cover is smart, glossy, with printed text; the inside pages are well set out, clearly typed and easy to read.

However, the details on the players are too sketchy: no birth dates, for example, and only a few lines about their careers.

The 1978 appearances are most detailed — but not set out in a very economical fashion.

Instead of using a whole page, maybe two pages, for a tabulated chart, the appearance lists are repeated for each player in a somewhat awkward fashion — occupying a third of a page — 16 times.

A bad omission: no photos enclosed in the presskit, not even stickers or pins.

But still, a useful compendium and the very first finished in 1979.

Our rating: 7 out of 10.

CANBERRA CITY

An elegant, printed cover in the club's colors creates a good impression to start with — and the impression then continues throughout.

The text is quite excellent; it's more than a Media Guide, it's almost the full history of the club with all the facts and dates you will ever need to know.

In fact, this section may be a trifle too long and labored, taking up a precious 11 pages, mainly about the various committees and happenings since 1976.

All the team's previous PSL matches, attendances and players' appearances are immaculately tabulated and the authors also had the good sense to include all their home match dates.

For a background on the players, the club provides information based on a questionnaire; it's detailed, well presented, readable and literate — if you like that formula.

A couple of small spelling errors did creep in: Ken Dalgleish

(instead of Dalglis) and Marilyn Munro, as somebody's favorite actress (instead of Monroe), Cordova and Platense instead of Cordoba and Platense — but these are very small blemishes.

An interesting oddity: Harry William's worst injury so far is given as osteitis pubis probably in the hope that our Greek and Italian friends will trace the words rather easily — but how others will know it's a bone inflammation near the groin remains to be seen.

And an amusing admission: reserve 'keeper Lindenmayer's favorites are Raquel Welch and stamp collecting. Are these reasonable alternatives?

The pictures provided are printed on one sheet and are extremely small though clear; perhaps a separate set would have been worth the trouble and money.

Our rating: 9 out of 10.

ST GEORGE

The cover is a plain red marila with the club's color strip across; adequate but not over impressive.

The enclosed photos are excellent and well captioned; the stickers and emblems attached are pretty.

The text is also adequate. The contacts — club, officials, ground, phone, etc. — are well set out and most useful.

The background details on the players are fairly well done though some careers are covered in too sketchy a fashion.

The typing and spelling is very good; the only annoying mistake is that of assistant coach Tibor "Zuckerman" (instead of Zuckerman, which occurs twice), and Acosta's "change" of nationality from Paraguay to Argentina.

The kit includes no details about the club's previous and very considerable achievements and records, neither is there much reference to its PSL past.

A special press statement about the new stadium and its facilities is a welcome addition — but some photos of the stadium itself would have told the story even better.

Our rating: 6 out of 10.

SYDNEY CITY

The plainest of all plain covers with hardly legible typing on the top creates a somewhat poor first impression. (We had to improve the cover for this picture.)

This then continues for a while inside. An apology for the delay in publication is countered by lack of date on the apology...

The authors certainly didn't strain themselves in their effort to gather the necessary information.

The players simply filled in questionnaires which were then retyped and roneoed — with obviously a terribly bad stencil.

Then, instead of writing a background of the club and its tremendous achievements — they attached four pages from a newspaper supplement and called it "press clippings..."

Still, the supplement is very detailed and makes up for the lack of original effort by the editors of the kit itself.

All the enclosed photos are excellent and well captioned; the new club logo is attached and usable.

The players' backgrounds seldom come through from the questionnaires which include too many "human interest" questions — but not enough on soccer.

Of the four media guides, this is the one which is teeming with spelling or typing mistakes.

Samples: "Eindhoven... Kenny Dalgleish and then Dalglis... Tim Armfield... Jimmy Greenough... Flamenco... We'll let the well informed readers make the corrections.

Some amusing answers by players to the questionnaire: Trenter, aged 21, claims to have played soccer "all over the world" and we also learn that Robert Yousiph was born at Trac. Well, you trace the place.

Our rating: 5 out of 10.

Now, seriously: all clubs deserve 10 out of 10 — at long last they are producing something.

No doubt, all will improve as the years go on; Canberra's brilliant effort will be challenged by many in 1980. Hopefully, even by Canberra...

So congratulations to Newcastle, Canberra, St. George and Sydney City (also Marconi if they have one) — but what about the others?

Surely APIA and Olympic can produce a similar presskit; Adelaide's two well organised clubs should have been among the early risers.

But what's happening in Melbourne and Brisbane?

In other words: when will the foot-draggers be shamed into doing something, too?

ADELAIDE

The South Australian Rothmans League clubs began their Philips Cup play-off series last week.

Three clubs will join Adelaide City and West Adelaide for the first round proper in the cup on April 21.

Draw for the SA Rothmans League is:

March 16: Elizabeth v Polonia; Croatia v Para Hills or Campbelltown.

March 23: Azzurri v Beograd or Lion; Victoria v Cumberland.

March 30: Croatia or Para Hills or Campbelltown v Azzurri or Beograd or Lion; Elizabeth or Polonia v Victoria or Cumberland.

April 6: Final for position 1-2-3. Winner of the first match played on March 30 v the winner of the second match played on the same night — for first and second place. The two losers from March 30 will play off for third place.

West Adelaide had to battle all the way for their inevitable 2-1 win against Croatia in the Ampol Cup final at Hindmarsh Stadium last Friday week.

Croatia held the PSL champions to a goal-less draw after the regulation 80-minute play and extra time had to be played and it was only from then on that West Adelaide started to dominate.

Victor Bozanic and Ian McGregor scored for the winners;

From VIC MIGLIACCIO

with two minutes left to play Croatia scored their deserved goal through John Pope.

Two of the most dedicated soccer people have been appointed for the U-15 State team: Sam Miskely as coach and John Garside as trainer. Former Italian professional Mario Corti is the U-14's coach, with Norman Graham as trainer.

First elimination rounds results of the Philips Cup:

Beograd 3, USC Lion 0. Scorers: Evans (42m), Farkas (44m), Kamleitner (55m).

Campbelltown City 5, Para Hills 4 (after penalty kicks). Scorers: Campbelltown, Smith (58m), Para Hills, Gannon (12m). Penalties: Campbelltown, Russo, Ambler, Kozuch; Para Hills, Bell, Gardiner, Crook.

This Friday night Elizabeth City will play Polonia at 7.30pm, and Croatia will meet Campbelltown in the later match.

Director of coaching of SA Mike Wells reported in his last newsletter that during the year 1978 no less than 442 candidates enrolled for the various coaching courses which were held and a record number of 407 completed

these courses. Just over 50 per cent were non-accreditation courses aimed at coaches working or wishing to work at the more junior level of the game.

There's no business like soccer business. A capacity of 350 guests packed the Adelaide City clubrooms last Saturday week to attend a "Night of the Champions" function, organised by City coach Rale Rasic.

It was an historical night for the Juventus Social and Sport Club, sponsors of Adelaide City, and the beginning of a new era for the club.

The highlight of the evening was when City chairman Charlie Caruso unveiled a life-size statue of local soccer super-star Johnny Perin. The statue was donated to the club by sculptor Nik Kotlar. Perin has given 15 years' service to the club.

A soccer history photo gallery was officially opened, a collection by Sydney professional photographer Anton Cermak.

The photographs, most of them in color, bring back great memories, especially the World Cup finals of 1974, when Rasic coached the Australians to the finals. Cermak travelled with the Socceroos.

WEIGHTY ARGUMENT

West Adelaide manager-coach Tom Forde has taken exception to a report from Sydney that his midfielder Gordon McCulloch is overweight.

"Gordon has worked hard to condition himself for the season and he is now fitter than he has ever been," Forde said.

"He is of stocky build, but he is by no means a slow mover. It is grossly unfair to suggest that he is overweight."

"Perhaps the Sydney writer was fooled by the new bulky shin pads that our players wore for the first time last week."

GRANDSTAND BAPTISED

Sunday's match against Canberra City at Barton Stadium will include a ceremony to open the new 3400-seat stand.

Stars of the TV serial, "The Restless Years", Victoria Nicholls and Nick Hedstrom, will assist with the kick-off.

There will be a march past of junior teams, and St. George's own Captain James Cook promotion will be introduced to the crowd.

The illustrious captain, regaled in period costume, provides the theme for Saints' big programme, which follows an in-depth survey of the whole district's potential.

Promotion manager Alan Barton is keenly watching the growth of interest in the club's Junior Supporters' Club.

The annual fee of \$5 entitles youngsters to a T-shirt, admission to St. George's home games for a season, free transport to Barton Stadium, and invitations to special film days.

Allied to this, coaching clinics will be held at schools, senior

players will coach juniors, and coaches and managers of the 30-big local soccer clubs will be invited to tactical discussions with club experts.

It's all done to the tune of the new theme song, written specially by ace songwriter Alan Deans.

A bold, imaginative programme, the totality of which points to deserved bigger crowds, and not only hard core supporters, as it strikes home with greater force.

— K.G.

BRISBANE

State League clubs are now gearing up for the coming season and "showing the way" to their "big brothers" Lions, who still haven't procured sponsorship.

Ipswich United were first off the blocks with sponsorship from Ipswich-based Queensland Farmers' Co-op through their brand name Jacaranda products. The deal was announced at a sponsorship function in the new clubhouse two weeks ago and it was made plain that the "coal town" have only one target, Philips League.

In far North Queensland Townsville United also gained valuable support from Kern Bros., the big building company, but this is only the "tip of the iceberg" as far as Townsville soccer enterprise goes.

In the same week it was an-

nounced that the Townsville Soccer Federations, Senior and Junior, had got together and appointed Tim White, formerly of Springvale Soccer Club, Melbourne, as the fulltime director of coaching for the whole area.

Tim has been charged with improving soccer coaching at all levels, schools, junior and senior, and will also guide Townsville United in the new State League.

In Bundaberg, the "rum capital" of Australia, strange things are happening "across the waves". Bundaberg's representatives in the new State League have also announced substantial sponsorship. Their welcome benefactors are Stock Distillers Pty. Ltd., distributors in the area for brandy and whisky.

— J. Binnie

NEWCASTLE

— From Myles Hay —

Newcastle Reserves crushed a Coffs harbour select 7-0 in the early match at the International Sports Centre last Sunday.

Manager-coach of the Coffs Harbour is Ron Tilsed, the former Canberra City goalkeeper.

Tilsed has appealed to the Australian Soccer Federation against the transfer fee of \$6000 placed on him by the Canberra club.

Although now domiciled in Coffs Harbour he hopes to join Sydney City as understudy to Todd Clarke, if the fee is substantially reduced.

Former Western Suburbs player Lloyd Harges is making tremendous progress after a cartilage operation in Newcastle.

Harges played for Wallsend before being signed by Western Suburbs and returned to join Newcastle United at the beginning of last season.

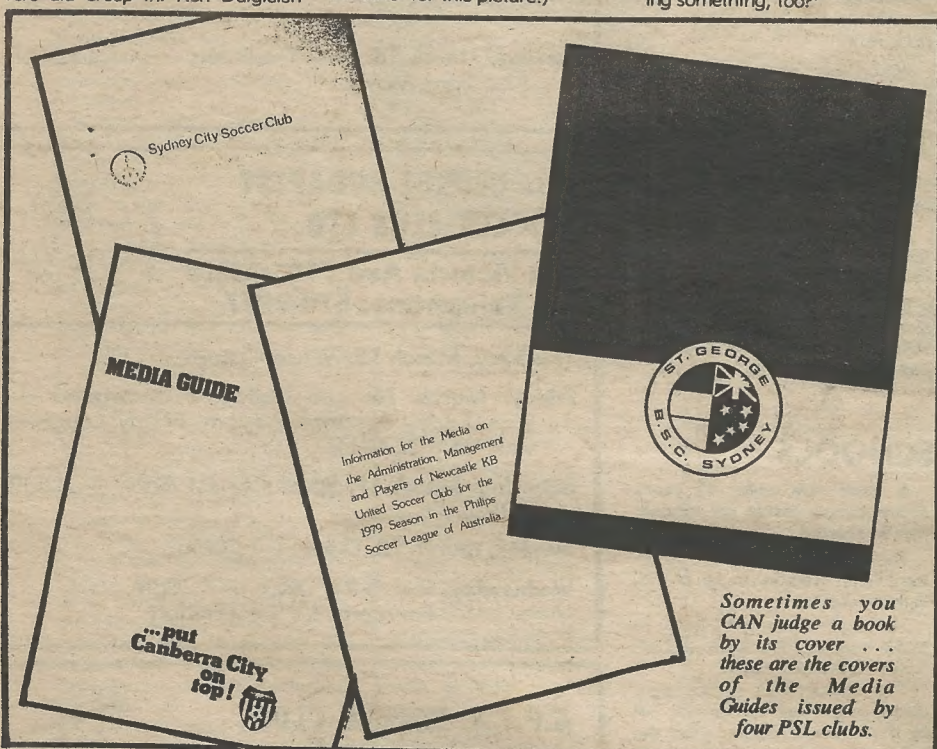
Teenager Neal Endacott is another player striving to regain a first team position.

Endacott was named by former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton as one of the most promising youngsters he had seen when spending time with Newcastle last season.

Endacott was an automatic choice in Rudi Gutendorf's under-19 squad but illness forced him to withdraw before final selection for South America was made.

Graham Jennings the young Adamstown forward who played for Australia in the recent tournament in Paraguay has had his transfer fee reduced from \$4000 to \$500 following an appeal to the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

Jennings was tipped to join Newcastle United a few weeks ago, but coach Alan Vest has a problem of having a 22-man squad and no competition in which the "outer fringe" players can compete. So he may go to Olympic.



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AMPOL CUP 1979

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STARS GIVEN A LESSON

Melita Eagles have chalked up their greatest success ever by reaching the Ampol Cup final at the expense of the glamorous but disappointing St. George.

Much to everybody's surprise, Melita were not only fitter and faster but played a much more modern brand of soccer than their PSL opponents.

Their build-up was incisive and penetrating and they were attacking the goal with venom.

In the 21st minute, when Parker was brought down in the box, Ray Farrugia converted the penalty on the second attempt; the first had to be retaken after Fraser had saved but left his line.

Just on halftime Melita's lead became a winning margin: Parker, in what looked like an obvious offside situation, skirted the goalie and scored.

If St. George had relaxed until then, it was surely time for an awakening.

Two new men, Hensman and

MELITA v ST GEORGE 3-2

Matic were thrown into the fray and, for a short while, it looked that a St. George revival was possible.

In the 48th minute O'Connor's shot was well saved by Bracklow and a little later Cotton and Matic also went close.

So the third Melita goal must have been a shock to the Saints.

A quick interplay on the right flank was followed by a gentle slip by Parker to the centre and Allan, unmarked, flicked the ball home.

It certainly looked all over; St. George, for the next 15 minutes or so, were cruelly outclassed.

The defence looked shaky and

the midfield, always their weakest spot, simply vanished.

But towards the end came a sudden revival.

First it was Utjesenovic who, in the 87th minute, volleyed home a cross from the left and two minutes later O'Connor went through the defence alone to make it a respectable 3-2.

There isn't much doubt that Melita deserved their win despite the second goal which even Melita coach Blanco admitted "looked offside".

They played with purpose and zest as well as style — three vital components missing from St. George's repertoire.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, Ververis 4 (J. Farrugia 25m), McPherson 3, Yamine 4, McDonald 3, Mikas 3, Parker 4, McAusland 3, Allan 3, R. Farrugia 4, Jones 4 (Griffiths 73m).

ST GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Terry 3, Della Picca 3, Grosse 2, Duarte 2 (Matic 46m), J. O'Shea 2, Kay 2 (Hensman 46m), Cotton 3, O'Connor 4.

Goals: 1-0 R. Farrugia (pen 21m), 2-0 Parker (45m), 3-0 D. Allan (80m), 3-1 Utjesenovic (87m), 3-2 O'Connor (89m).

Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** Approx. 4000 (double-header).

— A.D.



Joe Farrugia, Melita.

WITH A FOOT ON THE BRAKE

There was more between the teams than Adahilton Silva's left-foot snap shot in the 11th minute.

For long stretches the Sydney City machine was purring sweetly, reminiscent of their 1978 model.

In fact, throughout the entire first half APIA were laboring without any apparent enthusiasm, lulling their opponents into a sense of security.

After Silva's goal Barnes could have easily made it 2-0 in the 37th minute but lifted the ball over the bar a few metres out.

New APIA star Rampanti was having a quiet siesta on the right wing without any visible means of support; Butler seemed to be reduced to a policeman's role.

Strangely, Sydney City were very clearly dominating despite two of their key men, Stephenson and Silva, having a most forgettable match.

Almost all the creativity came from little Joe Watson who was cutting in and out among a maze of legs like an over-stimulated grasshopper.

Things didn't change much ear-

SYDNEY CITY v APIA 1-0

ly in the second half despite Rampanti's fierce shot, safely held by Clarke.

Gradually, APIA shook off its lethargy and, mainly through the very clever Vernon and the dashing Drews, began to hit back.

Admittedly they created no serious chances but still, time and time again, managed to pierce the Sydney City defence which, after such a lovely first half, began to be rattled.

Sydney City actually should have wrapped it up in the first half and perhaps could have had Terry Smith been a trifle more direct.

He plays the role of the traffic cop to perfection, laying back and spraying balls all around him — but from a central striker one expects at least a dash of bravado, too.

Despite their low profile performance it was obvious that Sydney City will be at least as deadly this year as they were in 1978.

Campbell, Bruce and Kershaw as well as the three Brazilians will have quite a task to sneak into the team which, even at this early stage, looks cozily settled.

The same cannot be said about APIA; their two 0-1 defeats in 48 hours makes you think about their firing power.

It will be surprising if Richards and the fit Stone don't get back into the team fast; the midfield needs bolstering at once.

Carruthers, after his excellent earlier games, disappointed, while judgment must be withheld on

Rampanti until he is seen again a few times.

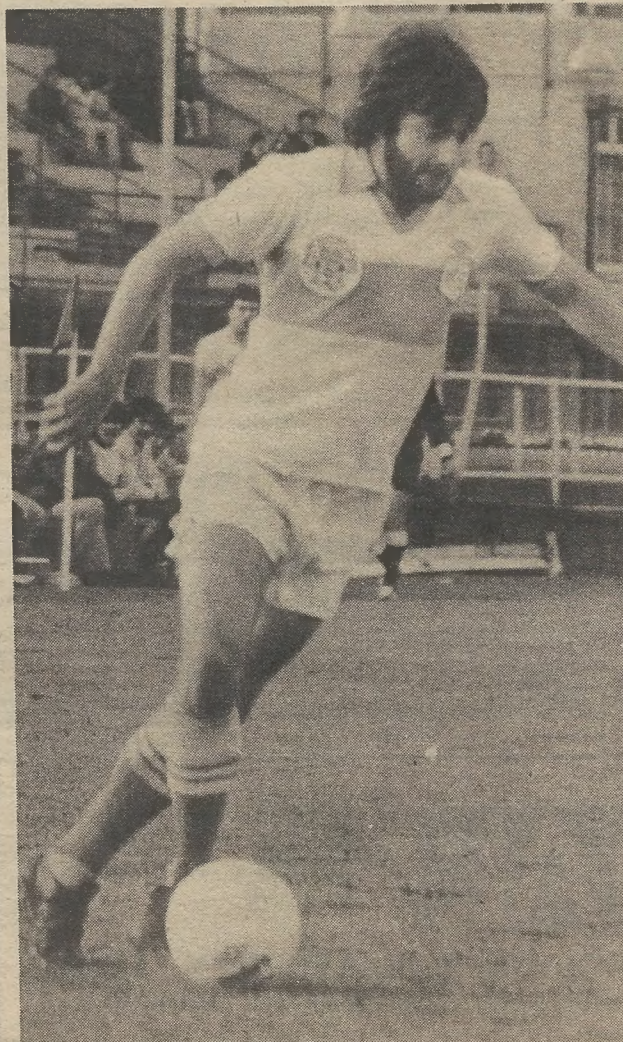
Still, he will have to improve enormously to justify the \$40,000 transfer fee.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 4, Mullen 5, Thomson 4, O'Connor 4, Trenter 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 5, Barnes 4, Smith 3 (Bruce 57m), Souness 4, Silva 3 (Kershaw 75m). **Cautions:** Trenter, Souness.

APIA: Woodhouse 3, Skellern 3, Turnbull 3, Carruthers 3 (Drews 71m), Wilson 4, Rowden 4, Rampanti 3, Butler 3, Reed 2 (Scott 57m), O'Donnell 2, Vernon 4. **Cautions:** Carruthers, Scott.

Goal: Silva (11m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** Approx. 4000 (double-header).

— A.D.



Joe Watson, Sydney City.

Official NSW Federation program

THIS WEEK

STATE LEAGUE FRIDAY, MARCH 16:

Sutherland v Auburn Seymour Shaw

SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

Granville v Bankstown Garside Park

SUNDAY, MARCH 18:

Arncliffe v Ku-ring-gai Seymour Shaw

Avala v Yugal Ireland's Bridge Reserve

Croatia v Monaro Check in daily Press

Toongabbie v Melita Gabbie Stadium

Manly v Mv. Olympic Cromer

FIRST DIVISION SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

Sydney City v Marconi Wentworth Park

Queens Park v Wollongong Francis Park

SUNDAY, MARCH 18:

Nepean v Olympic Cook Park

University NSW v Warringah Prince Henry Hospital

Polonia v St. George Chopin Park

Blacktown v Belmore Francis Park

Revesby v North Sydney Milperra

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, MARCH 24:

Manly v Monaro Cromer Park

Arncliffe v Yugal Seymour Shaw

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Bankstown v Auburn Soccer Centre

Granville v Mv. Olympic Garside Park

Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai Seymour Shaw

Croatia v Melita Check in daily Press

Toongabbie v Avala Gabbie Stadium

FIRST DIVISION SATURDAY, MARCH 24:

Uni NSW v NS Inter Phillip Reserve

SUNDAY, MARCH 25:

Blacktown v Syd. Olympic Francis Park

APIA v Belmore Drummoyne Oval

Nepean v Warringah Cook Park

Revesby Workers v Queens Park Milperra

Wollongong v Polonia Berkley

St. George v Sydney City Barton Stadium

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WORLD NEWS



Peru torn apart despite embargo

Peru's national team, which played with such occasional brilliance in the 1978 World Cup, is no more...

Velasquez and Sotil have signed for the Medellin club in Bogota, Colombia, while Labarte is playing for Chile's champions, Palestino.

Challe has joined the Venezuelan Valencia, while Larossa is negotiating with another Colombian club.

Oblitas and Percy Rojas have signed for Brighton, in England, and Carlos Reyna may go to Bolivia.

All this exodus has prompted the Peruvian Federation to reorganise its ranks.

However, they seem to be powerless to stop the departure of the stars despite a ruling that the country's best 45 players must be eligible for the national squad.

One of the newly elected Federation officials, Jose Fernandez, has already resigned in protest but it's unlikely to bring order to Peru's soccer life.

In fact, Peru's No. 1 ace, Cubillas, may soon join Fort Lauderdale in the USA.

DEYNA SLAMS ENGLISH STYLE

Kazimierz Deyna, the former brilliant Polish star, is totally disillusioned with English soccer.

"I wouldn't mind sitting on the bench as a reserve if I felt that all those in the team are better players," he says.

"But they aren't. Still, what can I do? I simply cannot make myself understood by the other players on the field; they just can't anticipate when and how I give a pass.

"This English soccer is like ping-pong: The ball bounces all over the place and everybody chases it everywhere."

There is a chance that Manchester City will release the unhappy Pole, who can then return to his old club, Legia Warsaw.

EURO-CUPS

CHAMPIONS' CUP:

Nottingham Forest v Grasshoppers	4-1
Austria Wien v Dynamo Dresden	3-1
FC Koln v Glasgow Rangers	1-0
Wisla Krakow v Malmo	2-1

CUPWINNERS' CUP:

Fort. Dusseldorf v Servette Geneva	0-0
Ipswich v FC Barcelona	2-1
Inter Milan v Beveren	0-0
Magdeburg v Banik Ostrava	2-1

UEFA CUP:

Red Star Belgrade v West Bromwich	1-0
Honved Budapest v Duisburg	2-3
Hertha Berlin v Dukla Prague	1-1
Manchester City v Monchengladbach	1-1

Return matches: March 21.

COPA DRAW

This is the draw for the Copa Libertadores de America (South American Cup):

Group 1: Argentina (Quilmes, Independiente), Colombia (Millonarios, Deportivo Cali).

Group 2: Bolivia (teams not yet nominated), Paraguay (Olympia and one more team).

Group 3: Brazil (Guarani, Palmerias), Peru (Alianza Lima, Universitario).

Group 4: Chile (Palestino, O'Higgins), Venezuela (Galicia, Portuguesa).

Group 5: Ecuador (teams not yet nominated), Uruguay (Penarol, Nacional).



Peruvian star Oblitas.

COMRADES UP IN ARMS

East Germany's manager Georg Buschner — in charge since about 1964 — is having deep problems with his national team.

Following a shock defeat and draw against Iraq in Baghdad, they lost 0-1 to the Bulgarian Olympic side in Burgasz.

According to reports, the East German team's defence is slow and heavy, while its midfield lacks any imagination.

The East German Press is critical of the team's 1979 performances.

Said the banner headline of "Junge Welt": "Running isn't everything in football... without confidence and ball skills, you cannot play this game."

Their next international, a friendly against Hungary, will be on March 28 in Budapest.

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• VfB Stuttgart, one of the aspirants for the West German Bundesliga title, have not lost a home match in their famous Neckarstadion since September 10, 1977.

• Orkoc Oezcan, former Turkish star goalie and then briefly coach of SV Hamburg, has been appointed Turkey's new national team coach.

• Ruud Krol, the brilliant Ajax defender, couldn't play against Italy recently — and thus broke his sequence which had given him 44 "caps" without interruption for Holland.

• The sensation of the Italian championship is the "small" club of Perugia, running near the top of the first division — and unbeaten since April 30, 1978.

• The bus drivers of Leeds refuse to work between 2pm and 6pm on match days as a protest against vandalism by some young soccer fans who two weeks ago assaulted a driver.

• Hungary's most popular soccer club, Ferencvaros, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

• Watch those Africans... Poland's Olympic team played two matches in Libya with the local national side, losing one and winning one, 1-0. The Polish team's coach, Edmund Zientara, has announced that several of his players on the tour would be replaced at once.

• German ace Rainer Bonhof is having some problems with his club Valencia. "Our coach Marcel Domingo hasn't got the skill to lead the team," Bonhof told a newsman. Domingo exploded: "Either Bonhof leaves or I do."

• The oldest player in Czechoslovakia's first division is Banik Ostrava's goalkeeper, Frantisek Schumucker, 39.

• Polish Cup semifinal draw for March 28: Zagłębie Lubin v Wisla Krakow and Arka Gdynia v Szombierki Bytom. The final is on May 9.

• Sir Alf Ramsey, former England manager, is in Kuwait and still considering a huge contract for a year.

• Saudi Arabia's soccer still has a fair way to go: Their national team lost 0-7 in Madrid against second division Spanish club Club RM Castilla.

• Algeria has beaten Turkey 1-0 in a friendly international in Bursa, Algeria.

• Sanity has prevailed: Luis Cesar Menotti has signed a new contract with the Argentinian Federation (AFA) which will enable him to prepare the national side for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

• The dismal off-season results of New York Cosmos were obviously shrugged off by their fans: The club has sold 20,500 season tickets in advance for 1979, a record.

• Even some Australian officials could be envious of this record: The Scottish Cup match between Inverness Thistle and FC Falkirk had to be postponed 29 times because of bad ground conditions. Finally, at the end of February, the game took place and the home side lost 4-0. Meanwhile, the referee, Alistair Kidd, had to inspect the ground on all 29 previous occasions, collecting \$4 for each of his visits. Is it possible that...?

• Fascinating thought after the recent Malta v West Germany 0-0 match: The top German stars earn about \$12,000 a month and the Maltese part-timers some \$70. After the match, however, Malta's president delightedly gave all his players an extra bonus of \$160 for their valiant display.

• Helmut Haller, former German ace, is likely to return to Italy where, with Juventus and Bologna, he had spent so many successful years. His likely post: Manager of struggling Bologna. Haller will take his son Jurgen, 17, to Italy and hopefully sign him also for Bologna.

• Michel Platini, the brilliant French midfielder, says he would like to sign for the German Schalke but the demanded \$850,000 transfer fee could deter even the rich Germans.

• New York Cosmos is currently in South America playing five friendly matches before the start of the NASL season.

• Duisburg has offered \$2200 to all their players if they reach the semifinals of the UEFA Cup. They are certainly on the way after their 3-2 win against Honved in Budapest.

• Clive Colvert and Colin Franks, from Sheffield United, have joined the Canadian Toronto Blizzard club.

• Claudio Coutinho is getting a salary of \$76,000 a year from Flamengo apart from his fee as Brazil's national coach.

• Argentina's excellent magazine "El Grafico" is running a survey among journalists to establish the greatest club teams of all time. In the progressive voting the leaders are now: 1, Santos; 2, Real Madrid; 3, Inter Milan; 4, River Plate; 5, Ajax; 6, Honved.

• During a recent Greek championship game between PAOK and Ethnikos, the visitors scored while six PAOK players were still celebrating a goal of their own in the Ethnikos half. The referee first awarded the goal, then on the protest of the players withdrew it.

• Ipswich Town have signed Frans Thijssen from Dutch second division club Twente Enschede for \$300,000.

• Iceland's 1978 champions Vdur are coached by former Hungarian youth international Gyula Nemes who defected in 1956 and then played with success in Belgium.

• AC Torino have abolished the tradition of taking their team to "retiro" (camp) a day or two before matches. Other clubs may follow.

• Throwing objects at referees is, regrettably, a worldwide phenomenon. But when Inter Milan beat Avellino 2-0, referee Luigi Agnolin was struck on the shoulder by a gold cigarette lighter...

• Miguel Angel Brindisi, a striker for Argentina in the 1974 World Cup finals, now with the Spanish Las Palmas, may join Huracan of Buenos Aires.

• Chile's champion club Palestino is heavily supported by the country's sizeable Arab population. The team's Oscar Fabiani, who was Chile's top scorer in 1978, is neither Chilean nor Arab — but Argentinian.

• Brazilian clubs want to break away from the country's all-powerful Confederacao Brasileira Desportiva and establish something the three-times world champions don't even have: A football association of their own.

• The players' union in the North American Soccer League has succeeded in its battle to raise the minimum monthly salary of players from \$US850 to \$US1300.

• Ex-Millwall colleagues Dennis Burnett and Barry Salvage and former Orient striker Dean Mooney have teamed up to win promotion for second division Norwegian club Haugar. Mooney earns more money with this small club than he would in England outside the first division.

• Two new darlings of Brazilian crowds are Careca, 18, a striker with Guarani, and Miranda, 20, a fullback with the same club. Both are running for places in the national side.

• Manga, who played in one match for Brazil in the 1966 World Cup finals (against Portugal) is still active: At 43, he has just helped his club Coritiba win the Parana championship and in the annual players' poll received only a few votes less than ace goalie Leao.

• Now that it looks almost certain the 1982 World Cup finals will have 24 teams, Colombia may have to give up the rights for the 1986 series as they couldn't cope with more than 16.

• These are the groups for the 1979 South American championships: I, Colombia, Chile, Venezuela; II, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia; III, Uruguay, Paraguay, Ecuador.

• The new manager of Paris St. Germain is ex-Yugoslav international Velibor Vasovic, a few years ago stopper of Ajax.

• Italian ace Paolo Rossi is insured for a staggering \$5 million with the annual premium at \$4500.

• A gesture which could be copied in Australia: Before the start of the season, the Hungarian Federation invited the captains of all first division teams and their wives to dinner and a theatre party.

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